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Message Agenda for Telephone Interview on March 17, 2009 at 11AM

(1) Discuss rejection of claims 1, 29, 40, and 43 as unpatentable over Takano (US 5,382,767) in view of Katsumi (US 6,369,341)

(2) Discuss addition of one of the following limitations to claims 1 and 29:

- the elastic bar underlies a portion of the membrane such that the portion of the membrane is supported by the elastic bar (see, e.g., US 2006/0060461, para. [0007] and [0010]; Figs. 3-12).
- the elastic bar extends from the housing to a central region of the aperture (see, e.g., id., para. [0042]; Figs. 1-18).
- the membrane is directly bonded to the base and the elastic bar (see, e.g., id., para. [0044]; Figs. 3-12).

(3) Discuss amending independent claim 32 to include the limitations of dependent claim 36, and adding a new independent claim that includes all of the limitations of claims 1 and 6.

I look forward to discussing these matters with you on Tuesday. Feel free to contact me in the meantime if you have any questions.

-Michael Hamlin

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